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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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HARVEY A. [redacted] AND CLARA S. KLEINBERMAN OWNERS OF INDIAN TRAIL [redacted] RESTAURANT [redacted] WINNETKA, ILLINOIS, INTERVIEWED THIS EVENING AT WINNETKA POLICE DEPARTMENT PS FOLLOWING CONTACT BY THEM WITH WINNETKA CHIEF [redacted] (NATIONAL ACADEMY) DONALD DERNING.

THEY WERE CONTACTED TUESDAY, AUGUST TWENTY, LAST, BY WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE [redacted] HARTSELLE, ALABAMA, AUTHOR OF "THREE LIVES FOR MISSISSIPPI" AND "LOOK" MAGAZINE PHOTOGRAPHER HANSEN. HUIE EXHIBITED LETTERS PURPORTEDLY FROM SUBJECT RAY ADDRESSED TO RAY'S ATTORNEY AND GIVEN TO HUIE. HUIE SAID HE HAS OBTAINED ALL COMMERCIAL RIGHTS TO RAY'S STORY AND IN RETURN IS UNDERWRITING COSTS OF RAY'S DEFENSE. LETTERS WRITTEN ON HALF SHEETS OF YELLOW LEGAL FOOLSCAP AND KLEINBERMAN [redacted] CLAIM RECOGNIZED SUBJECT RAYS HANDWRITING BOTH KLEINBERMAN [redacted] POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED PHOTO OF SUBJECT RAY AS MAN EMPLOYED BY THEM FROM MAY THREE, SIXTYSEVEN, TO JUNE TWO FOUR, SIXTYSEVEN, AS DISHWASHER AND COOKS HELPER, WITH TOTAL PAY OF ABOUT EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS. HE WAS EMPLOYED UNDER NAME JOHN L. RAYNE, SOCIAL SECURITY NO. THREE ONE EIGHT DASH TWO FOUR DASH SEVEN ZERO NINE EIGHT.

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LEFT EMPLOYMENT SAYING GOING TO WORK ON BOATS WITH HIS BROTHER AND SUBSEQUENTLY MAILED LETTER TO RESTAURANT REQUESTING PAY DUE BE SENT TO HIS BROTHER IN NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS. [redacted] DID MAIL CHECK WHICH WAS CASHED. ALL PAY CHECKS OBTAINED AND WILL BE FURNISHED FBI LAB ALONG WITH FORM W DASH FOUR. GAVE LOCAL ADDRESS OF TWO SEVEN THREE ONE, SHEFFIELD, CHICAGO, BUT CHECK MAILED TO BROTHER CONTAINS ADDRESS ONE SIX FOUR EIGHT LUNT, CHICAGO WITH DATE JULY THREE, SIXTY SEVEN.

SUBJECT WAS EXCELLENT EMPLOYEE, QUIET, HAD NO FRIENDS OR VISITORS, BUT RECEIVED THREE OR FOUR PHONE CALLS DURING LAST WEEK OF EMPLOYMENT FROM PERSON STATING HE WAS BROTHER.

AUTHOR HUIE SHOWED LETTERS FROM RAY TO [redacted] IN WHICH HE LISTED EMPLOYMENT AT [redacted] (AN OLD, LARGE, UPPER CLASS RESTAURANT OF EXCELLENT REPUTATION).

HUIE DESCRIBED METHOD OF ESCAPE OF SUBJECT FROM JEFFERSON CITY VIA BREAD TRUCK AND CLAIMED RAY WALKED TO CHICAGO, BECOMING VERY SORE FOOTED. [redacted] RECALLS WHEN RAY EMPLOYED HE HAD SORE AND SWOLLEN LEGS). AFTER BECOMING EMPLOYED, HUIE [redacted] RAY WAS CONTACTED BY CONSPIRATORS WHO THREATENED TO REVEAL HIS IDENTITY AND CAUSE HIS RETURN TO PRISON IF HE DID NOT WORK

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FOR THEM. HUIE SAYS RAY WAS GIVEN TWELVE HUNDRED DOLLARS DURING INITIAL CONTACTS AND ULTIMATELY WAS PAID FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS, BUT WAS TO RECEIVE MORE.

UPON LEAVING RESTAURANT EMPLOYMENT, HUIE ALLEGES RAY MADE TWO TRIPS TO CANADA THROUGH DETROIT TUNNEL, TESTING DIFFICULTY OF ENTERING AND LEAVING CANADA. HE ALSO MADE THIRD TRIP TO CANADA AND ACCORDING TO HUIE, "WAS INSTRUCTED" TO OBTAIN FORTY YEAR OLD NEWSPAPER, OBTAIN NAMES OF MALES BORN, THEN SEARCH CURRENT PHONE BOOKS FOR SIMILAR NAMES. THEN SURVEIL INDIVIDUALS WITH SIMILAR NAMES TO FIND OUT WHETHER THEIR PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS MATCHED HIM. THEREAFTER HE TELEPHONED PERSONS OF HIS LIKE DESCRIPTION USING PRETEXT AND FOUND MAN WHO HAD NEVER APPLIED FOR PASSPORT. THEN APPLIED FOR PASSPORT IN THIS NAME.

HE WAS THEN GIVEN MORE MONEY TO PURCHASE CAR, WHICH WAS TO BE DRIVEN TO ACAPULCO, MEXICO, TO OBTAIN TOURIST STICKER, THEN DRIVEN THROUGH MEXICO TO WEST COAST. HUIE CLAIMS RAY WAS FLOWN TO ATLANTA FROM WEST COAST, BUT TIME WAS NOT RIPE, SO WAS RETURNED TO CALIFORNIA. HE WAS GIVEN MONEY TO BUY BINOCULARS AND SHOTGUN AND WAS TO GO TO MEMPHIS AT CERTAIN TIME AND PLACE.

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HUIE ALLEGES A NEGRO CALLED KING TO BALCONY, WHERE HE WAS SHOT. ACTUAL MURDERER WAS NOT RAY, ALTHOUGH RAY WAS PRESENT, AND AT LATER TIME RAY WILL IDENTIFY MURDERER. RAY DID PICK UP RIFLE, RAN TO HIS CAR AND PROCEDED TO RENDEZVOUS AT ATLANTA, HOWEVER, CONSPIRATORS DID NOT APPEAR WITH REMAINING "BUNDLE OF MONEY."

RAY WAS THEN TO FLEE TO MEXICO, BUT IMMEDIATELY FLY NORTH TO THROW OFF PURSUIT AND TO STEER ALL INVESTIGATION TO MEXICO. SINCE CONSPIRATORS DID NOT APPEAR, HE FLED TO CANADA AND HUIE ALLEGATIONS THEN FOLLOW SUBSEQUENT NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS. HUIE DID SAY RAY ROBBED BANK IN LONDON BECAUSE HE GOT REAL LOW ON MONEY.

HUIE DID NOT AT ANY TIME IDENTIFY ANY ALLEGED CONSPIRATORS.

HUIE SWORE [redacted] TO SECRECY, SAYING HE WOULD MAIL THEM "LOOK" PROOFS ON SEPT. TEN, NEXT, COPIES OF WHICH WILL BE FURNISHED BY [redacted] TO CHICAGO FBI, AND STORY IS TO BE IN "LOOK" NOVEMBER TEN, NEXT, ISSUE. [redacted] BROKE PROMISE OF SECRECY UPON REFLECTION, BELIEVING THEIR PUBLIC DUTY WAS TO CONTACT POLICE. HUIE NOT AWARE OF THEIR TALKING WITH FBI AND THEY WILL NOT TELL HIM WITHOUT APPROVAL OF FBI THROUGH [redacted] NA.

CHICAGO SUGGESTS BUREAU CONSIDER NOTES AND LETTERS FROM

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-RAY IN POSSESSION OF HUIE MAY CONSTITUTE EVIDENCE OF FEDERAL CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS, NOTABLY CONSPIRACY, AND EVEN THOUGH OBTAINED BY RAY ATTORNEY LOSE THEIR PRIVILEGE WHEN SHOWN TO OUTSIDERS.

KLINGEMANS [redacted] ARE ELDEDERLY, REPUTABLE CITIZENS, WHO ARE WILLING TO ASSIST BUREAU IN ANY WAY DESIRED.

HUIE OBTAINED PHOTOSTATS OF PAYROLL LEDGERS AND TOOK MANY PHOTOGRAPHS AT INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT AS WELL AS AT RAY'S CHICAGO RESIDENCE, ACCORDING TO KLINGEMANS [redacted]

CHICAGO CONTINUING INVESTIGATION INCLUDING ADDRESSES MENTIONED.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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